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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing and Business Meeting

May 16 and June 13, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**. A business meeting will be held the following month on **Wednesday, June 13, 2018**. The hearing and meeting are open to the public and will be held at the West Trenton Volunteer Fire Company Ballroom, 40 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, New Jersey.

Public Hearing. The public hearing on **May 16, 2018** will begin at **1:30 p.m.** Hearing items subject to the Commission's review will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other water-related projects, as well as resolutions to: (a) adopt the Commission's annual Current Expense and Capital Budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019); (b) apportion among the signatory parties the amounts required for the support of the Current Expense and Capital Budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019); (c) clarify and restate the Commission's policy for the replacement of water consumptively used by electric generating or cogenerating facilities during critical hydrologic conditions; and (d) authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for professional engineering services for technical evaluations and cost estimations for upgrades of wastewater treatment plants discharging to the Delaware River Estuary.

The list of projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, and the text of the proposed resolutions will be posted on the Commission's web site, www.drbc.net, in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date.

Written comments on matters scheduled for hearing on May 16 will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on May 21.

The public is advised to check the Commission's web site periodically prior to the hearing date, as items scheduled for hearing may be postponed if additional time is deemed necessary to complete the Commission's review, and items may be added up to ten days prior to the hearing date. In reviewing docket descriptions, the public is also asked to be aware that project details commonly change in the course of the Commission's review, which is ongoing.

Public Meeting. The public business meeting on **June 13, 2018** will begin at **10:30 a.m.** and will include: adoption of the Minutes of the Commission's March 14, 2018 Business Meeting, announcements of upcoming meetings and events, a report on hydrologic conditions, reports by the Executive Director and the Commission's General Counsel, and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required. The latter are expected to include resolutions: (a) authorizing the Executive Director to revise the *Administrative Manual – By-Laws, Management and Personnel*; and (b) providing for election of the Commission Chair, Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair for the year commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

After all scheduled business has been completed and as time allows, the Business Meeting will be followed by up to one hour of Open Public Comment, an opportunity to address the

Commission on any topic concerning management of the basin's water resources, outside the context of a duly noticed, on-the-record public hearing.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comment for the record at the June 13 Business Meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on May 16 or a previous date. Commission consideration on June 13 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in approval of the item (by docket or resolution) as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

Advance Sign-Up for Oral Comment. Individuals who wish to comment on the record during the public hearing on May 16 or to address the Commissioners informally during the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting on June 13 as time allows, are asked to sign-up in advance through EventBrite. Links to EventBrite for the Public Hearing and the Business Meeting are available at drbc.net. For assistance, please contact Ms. Paula Schmitt of the Commission staff, at paula.schmitt@drbc.nj.gov.

Submitting Written Comment. Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be made through SmartComment, the web-based comment system introduced by the Commission, a link to which is provided at drbc.net. Use of SmartComment ensures that all submissions are captured in a single location and their receipt is acknowledged. Exceptions to the use of SmartComment are available based on need, by writing to the attention of the Commission Secretary, DRBC,

P.O. Box 7360, 25 Cosey Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628. For assistance, please contact Paula Schmitt at paula.schmitt@drbc.nj.gov.

Accommodations for Special Needs. Individuals in need of an accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act who wish to attend the meeting or hearing should contact the Commission Secretary directly at 609-883-9500 ext. 203 or through the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) at 711, to discuss how we can accommodate your needs.

Additional Information, Contacts. Additional public records relating to hearing items may be examined at the Commission's offices by appointment by contacting Denise McHugh, 609-883-9500, ext. 240. For other questions concerning hearing items, please contact Judith Scharite, Project Review Section assistant at 609-883-9500, ext. 216.

Dated: April 30, 2018.

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